

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 21 and 22 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider her rejections in view of the Amendments and Remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 21 and 22.

**CLAIM OBJECTION**

Claim 21 has been amended to delete the phrase "respective centers of" in claim 21 as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as set forth in the Office Action are moot.

**ENTRY OF AMENDMENT**

In addition, it is respectfully requested this Amendment be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No.

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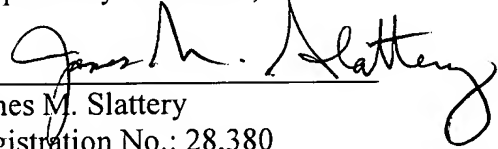
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42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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